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OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

June 30, 2014

The Honorable Scott Tipton
U.S. House of Representatives
218 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Tipton:

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1004 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2184 Rayburn House Office Building
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